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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2157**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 212640
MS # 141388.05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WANG et al.

Application No. 09/641,553

Filed: August 17, 2000

For: WEAK LEADER ELECTION

Group Art Unit: 2157

Examiner: Najjar, Saleh

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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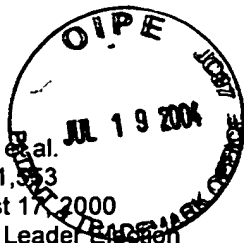
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

The Claim Amendments begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to a Final Office Action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

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		subtract time extension fee previously paid		none		(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)	
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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